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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS, UNCND

1. IN MARCH 7 CONVERSATION CHRISTOPHER TRAIN (HOME OFFICE) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT 25 TH MEETING COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS DRUGS, FIRST HE HAD ATTENDED, AND PRAISE FOR U. S. DELEGATION AND CHAIRMAN.

2. TRAIN ADDED HOWEVER THAT LIKE SOME OTHER DELEGATES HE HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH WAY SECRETARIAT HAD HANDLED PRESENTATION OF REORGANIZATION INVOLVING CND AND UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. HE SAID THAT HMG CONSIDERING IMPLICATIONS AND MAY HAVE QUESTIONS TO ASK AT APRIL MEETING OF ECOSOC. TRAIN ASKED WHO MIGHT REPLACE SCHURMAN AS FUND DIRECTOR. TRAIN SAID THAT U. K. EXPECTS TO REPEAT ITS FIRST YEAR CONTRIBUTION OF 50,000 POUNDS.

3. TRAIN SAID HMG PUTTING FORWARD SIR FREDERICK MASON (BRITISH PERMREP IN GENEVA) AS CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS BOARD, AND HE WOULD BE GLAD TO

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HAVE NAME OF U. S. CANDIDATE WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE.

4. ACCORDING TO TRAIN, HMG CONSULTING WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON RATIFICATION SINGLE CONVENTION AND HE THOUGHT DECISION AND ALMOST CERTAINLY RATIFICATION WOULD FOLLOW ON JUNE MEETING OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES. TRAIN HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE FOR BRITISH RATIFICATION PSYCHOTROPIC CONVENTION IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

5. TRAIN MENTIONED THAT U. K. WOULD BE MEMBER OF NEW FAR EAST AD HOC COMMITTEE AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH U. S. ABOUT ITS ACTIVITIES. WE MENTIONED HONG KONG AND HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF REPORT OF STAFF SURVEY TEAM OF HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. WE AGREED TO RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT.

6. TRAIN SAID U. K. HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION OF PROPOSING DRUGS ABUSE ADVISOR FOR COLOMBO PLAN BELIEVING THAT CANDIDATES SHOULD COME FROM REGIONAL MEMBERS. TRAIN ADDED THAT INDIAN DOCTOR RESIDENT IN BRITAIN, M. RATHOD, HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITY AND TRAIN KNEW HIM AND COULD RECOMMEND HIM. HOWEVER, TRAIN DID NOT KNOW HIS NATIONALITY AND IN ANY CASE THOUGHT IT MORE APPROPRIATE THAT REGIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD PUT FORWARD CANDIDATES.

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